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The farm machinery stations fulfilled their plan for the first quarter 125 percent; 186 for Durres, 148 for Shkoder, 135 for Fushe-Kruje, and 128 percent for Elbasan.

Spring planting in the private sector is well ahead of last year, especially in preparations for planting industrial crops such as cotton, sugar beets, and sunflowers, although the effort to make seed available to the farmers on schedule was inadequate. During this quarter, 144 percent more chemical fertilizer was distributed than during the first quarter of 1949.

The plan for motor transportation has been fulfilled 94 percent for freight and 104 percent for passengers, or 153 and 123 percent respectively as compared with the first quarter of 1949. The plan for railroad freight transportation was fulfilled 102 percent, the plan for water transportation of freight 87 percent, and the shipyard plan 139 percent. Railroad freight transportation this year was 82 percent, and water freight transportation 321 percent of the figure for the same period last year.

The quarter construction plan for the "Stalin" Combine was fulfilled 128 percent; for the Sugar Combine 141, for the Selite hydroelectric power plant 87, for the Peqin-Elbasan railroad 103, for the Shemeri-Kolgecaj road 134, and for work in Durres Harbor 111 percent.

Distribution of consumers' goods during this quarter compared as follows with the corresponding period of last year: cereals 110 percent, sugar 119, fats 142, macaroni products 274, salt 117, meat 377, soap 120, cottons 259, woolens 187, hosiery 317, shoes 72, sandals 97, gasoline 159, petroleum 192, kerosene 111, and lubricating oil 162 percent.

The plan for the quarter was fulfilled as follows: cereals 95 percent, sugar 68, fats 99, macaroni products 72, beans and rice 118, soap 104, cigarettes 90, meat 71, eggs 71, cottons 101, woolens 169, hosiery 71, assorted footwear 118, sandals 98, aluminum ware 257, gasoline 87, petroleum 81, kerosene 86, and lubricating oil 104 percent.

The crop purchase of important agricultural and livestock products by commercial cooperatives compared with the first quarter of 1949 as follows: milk 344 percent, butter 433, cheese 131, cottage cheese 280, eggs 124, poultry 269, potatoes 364, citrus fruits 148, wine 529, and brandy 146 percent. The plan for the quarter was fulfilled as follows: milk 225 percent, butter 236, cheese 210, cottage cheese 187, eggs 257, poultry 96, potatoes 134, citrus fruits 130, wine 216, and brandy 239 percent.

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Tirana, 3 May -- On the basis of agreements for the purchase of goods on credit and for reciprocal exchange of commodities, the following goods have been arriving in Albanian ports during the last few days:

From the USSR: seed wheat, assorted tree seedlings, medical instruments, rubber goods, various paints, acids, sacking and wrapping material, railroad cars and rails, automobiles and wagons, reinforced concrete, sheet metal, assorted steel products, several kinds of pipes for petroleum, tractor plows, electric motors and electrical instruments, construction and factory machinery, spare parts, magnesite bricks, etc.

From Czechoslovakia: Skoda trucks, ambulances, fire engines, assorted tires, sugar, matches, thermometers, manometers, vacuometers, industrial materials, etc.

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From Poland: textiles (wool, cotton, linen, and silk), thread, iron, concrete, steel products, sheet metal, pipes, locomotives, dynamite and other chemical products, hydrothermal medical equipment, etc.

From Hungary: textiles, sacking, drugs, dental equipment, electrical equipment, telephone and radio equipment, assorted building material, glassware, iron products, fishing tackle, plows, cultivators, etc.

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